

Occupant Protection Fact Sheet

Did you know that you are three times more likely to be killed in a car crash at night? Statistics show that the night time hours are the most dangerous time on the road. When the odds are against you it makes sense to play it safe. Buckle Up

Delaware has a primary seat belt law aimed to protect citizens driving on the roadways across our state. These laws are simple to follow, and when you buckle up every time you get in a car, it will keep you safest in the event of a crash.

- Everyone in the vehicle, including backseat passengers and children, must wear seat belts properly.
- Lap and shoulder belts must be worn across the chest and hips. Shoulder belts may not be placed behind the back or under the arm.
- Children must be in an age/ weight appropriate seat. The back seat is safest for all children under the age of 12.

Drivers who are unbelted, or have unbelted passengers, may face a fine and additional costs totaling \$83.50.

What is the right car seat for my child? As technology in child passenger safety evolves...that answer is every changing. In short, the 'best' car seat is the one that fits your child, fits your vehicle and one you will use every time your child is in the car. For more information on child passenger safety or to receive a free car seat inspection, call OHS at 302-744-2740 or visit the website at www.ohs.delaware.gov.



Buckle Up. Arrive Alive DE.

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